

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
March 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Chairman Duffield, Commissioners Seymour Beek, John Corrough, Tim Collins, Donald Lawrenz, Karen Rhyne and Ralph Rodheim were in attendance. Staff: Lorrie Arcese and Chris Miller and Shannon Levin

MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACTION ITEM:

ITEM #1

Subject: **Harbor Patrol / Marina Operations Update**

Issue: The Harbor Patrol was updated on the Harbor Commission on various department activities and programs. The department is working on forming relationships with the yachts clubs. They are conducting open houses and tours of the facilities. A video of the new fireboat versus the old one shows that the new one's wake is much smaller.

Action: Receive and file.

ITEM #2

Subject: **Marina Park Update**

Issue: The Harbor Commission was given an update of the Marina Park project as part of the 45-day public comment period during this Environmental Impact Report (EIR) phase.

Discussion: One building could possibly be eliminated for cost reduction. It was felt that the plan was a good one for water related uses and the much needed visitor's marina. Work is being done on changing some of the regulations to complete the project.

Action: Receive and file.

ITEM #3

Subject: **Harbor Projects and Funding Projections**

Issue: Chris went over an updated list of Harbor Commission approved projects and funding projections in order to plan for the future financial needs of the Harbor.

Discussion: Commissioner Corrough showed Chris a Water Quality Master Plan he printed out. The Commissioners offered changes in both subject and format: the items need to be prioritized; it needs to state where any outside funding is coming from that will be used for the listed projects; storm debris clean up equipment and methods are needed; follow the HAMP and include costs for studies and surveys for maintenance permits.

Public Comments: None

Action: The motion was made by Commissioner Corrough for Chris to make changes as requested, e-mail to all Commissioners when done and bring back to the next meeting for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodheim and motion carried with all ayes.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mooring Master Plan – At the last meeting, the transferability issue was fine tuned. Changes will be incorporated and send to the City Attorney.
- Overhang Issue - The guidelines will be fine tuned for presentation to the City Council.
- Marking Committee – The committee met and discussed how friendly the harbor is. The restaurants are hurting in this economy and we need a brochure to hand out to visitors listing the restaurants and harbor related items. Chris has made the funds available for a printing.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Chris gave an update on the harbor. Please refer to the following website: *The update is posted at:* <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/hbr> *(under Harbor Resources Updates).*

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The date for the ethics training has not been chosen yet.
- Commissioner Collins suggested they look at the Harbor Fee Study.
- Chairman Duffield wants the Commission to look at the ETCO project. John suggested that a simple checklist should be attached to the files so the Harbor Commission doesn't get skipped in the approval process.

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- ETCO Newport Bay Marina Project Review.
- HAMP update
- Aerie Development at 201 Carnation Ave.
- Update from Anchor Environmental concerning Confined Aquatic Disposal option for Lower Bay dredging
- Evaluate fishing needs at the public piers

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2009, 6:00 pm
City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT